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SUBJECT: COOPERATION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN DENIAL
OF COMPUTER SALE TO TASS

REF: STATE 188214

1. ECONOMIC MINISTER DELIVERED ORAL MESSAGE AS PER
REFTEL TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MINISTERIAL-
DIRIGENT) DR. MATHIAS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH FOLLOW
UP ALSO MADE TO DR. BOEHNKE OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC
RELATIONS DESK, URGING FRG COOPERATION IN REFRAINING
FROM LICENSING EXPORT TO USSR OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS
COMPARABLE TO SPERRY UNIVAC.

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2. GERMAN OFFICIALS WERE NOT PREPARED TO GIVE US
AN IMMEDIATE OFFICIAL REACTION BUT INDICATED THAT THEY
WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS.

3. UNOFFICIAL COMMENTS FROM DR. BOEHNKE WERE THAT HE

DOUBTED IF SIEMENS WAS IN A POSITION TO DELIVER SUCH A COMPUTER SYSTEM AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THAT IN ANY EVENT PROPOSED EXPORTS OF THESE SYSTEMS WOULD PROBABLY BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WITHIN THE COCOM. HE WENT ON TO ADD HIS PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OFTEN PROVED TO BE A TWO-EDGED SWORD. HE ALSO ASKED FOR A READING ON ANY NEW U.S. REGULATIONS ON EXPORTS OF OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION, ADDING THAT IF EXPORTS WERE TO BE CURTAILED AN THIS MIGHT LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN SOVIET OIL PRODUCTION. ONE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS MIGHT THEN BE INCREASING PURCHASES OF OIL BY THE SOVIETS IN THE WORLD MARKET, WHICH IN TURN WOULD PUT UPWARD PRESSURE ON THE WORLD PETROLEUM PRICE.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT OFFICIAL FRG REACTION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECEIPT OF INFORMATION ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD EXPORT OF OIL COUNTRY GOODS AS IT IS FURTHER DEVELOPED WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR FUTURE CONTACTS WITH FRG OFFICIALS.
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